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1. Japanese Patent Publication No. 2001-64004, published March 13, 2001 (with English Abstract).
2. Japanese Patent No. 64-335, issued January 6, 1989 (with English Abstract).
3. Japanese Patent Publication No. 2000-249540, published September 14, 2000 (with English Abstract).

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4. Japanese Patent Publication No. 2001-64004, published March 13, 2001 (with English Abstract).

5. Japanese Patent No. 63-38427, issued July 29, 1988 (with English Abstract).

6. S. Iijima, et al. "NANO-AGGREGATES OF SINGLE-WALLED GRAPHITIC CARBON NANO-HORNS," Chemical Physics Letters 309, August 13, 1999, pages 165-170.

One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith, except for those listed in the International Search Report. It is assumed that copies of the cited references from the International Search Report will be supplied directly by the International Bureau, but if further copies are needed, the undersigned will undertake to provide them upon request.

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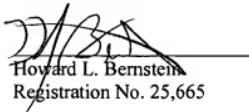
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